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SUBJECT: SYG WALDHEIM VISIT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND FOLLOW-
UP ON US LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED BY REPORTS OF ESCALATING
VIETNAMESE-CAMBODIAN HOSTILITIES, AND PARTICULARLY BY
RECENT INCREASING INDICATIONS THAT SRV MAY BE ABOUT TO
LAUNCH MAJOR OFFENSIVE TO TAKE MORE TERRITORY AND AD-
VANCE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF TOPPLING THE PHNOM PENH
REGIME. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD HAVE FAR-REACHING

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RAMIFICATIONS.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT VISIT TO ARFA BY UN SYG WALDHEIM
IS NOW EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, OFFERING SIGNIFICANT HOPE
AT THIS TIME OF HEADING OFF MAJOR CONFRONTATION. AL-
THOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT WALDHEIM MAY NOW BE PINNED
DOWN AT UN HEADQUARTERS UNTIL END OF UNGA (DEC. 19)
BY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, AND THAT THERE HAS AS YET BEEN
NO RESPONSE FROM HANOI TO WALDHEIM'S PROPOSAL THAT HE
VISIT SRV AS WELL AS CAMBODIA (AND LAOS AND THAILAND),
WE BELIEVE SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE TO MOVE THE PLANNED
TRIP FROM LIMBO. WE HOPE QUESTIONS ON TRIP MAY BE
RAISED DURING NEXT UN PRESS BRIEFING AND THAT UN
RESPONSE WILL INDICATE CLEARLY THAT HANOI IS CAUSE OF
DELAY.

3. THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION
TO HOW WE CAN BEST FOLLOWUP OUR LETTER TO THE SECURITY
COUNCIL ON THE THREAT TO THE PEACE POSED BY GDK-SRV
HOSTILITIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE USUN'S VIEWS ON HOW

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THIS MIGHT BE ADVANCED. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE MISSION'S
JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER INFORMAL SOUNDING OUT OF
SELECTED DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE IN SC, CONCERN-
ING POSSIBLE SC MEETING, WOULD HELP OR HURT IN GETTING
WALDHEIM TO MAKE THE TRIP. WE RECOGNIZE IT MAY ONLY BE
POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ANNOUNCE HIS INTENT TO GO ON A
CERTAIN DATE, AND SAY THAT HE HOPES SRV WILL BE ABLE
TO RECEIVE HIM WHILE HE IS IN REGION.

4. CONSIDERING THEIR RESIDUAL TIES WITH INDOCHINA,
USUN MIGHT SOUND OUT FRENCH ON THESE IDEAS.

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